TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 58 - SB 464

February 11, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals submitting open records requests to do so by all official modes of communication including in person, by telephone, fax, email or other electronic means, and in writing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Records custodians are currently required, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503, to accept requests made in writing or submitted on a form developed by the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Office of Open Records Counsel.
- Custodians will accept requests made on an electronic form, emailed, or handwritten when written requests are required.
- Records custodians are not required to have the capability to accept requests through all
 listed modes of communication; therefore, there will be no increase in state or local
 expenditures for purchase of fax machines, computers, or other electronic devices for the
 purpose of accepting records requests in the event a custodian does not possess one of
 those devices.
- State agencies currently accept records requests made in the manner proposed by the legislation; therefore, there will be no significant fiscal impact to state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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